

The Barbless Hook



September 2017

<http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org>

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's

I hope this message finds you all both rested and fatigued from your summer activities. I got to participate in a wonderful trip to British Columbia in July. I'm sure you'll hear more about that trip (there may even be an article in this publication) in the near future. This was a great opportunity to spend time with other members of our club and to participate in some pretty exciting fishing and flying. My point is simply that we have a great many chances for comradery and fishing exploits provided by our club and hopefully there is something for every fishing preference.

I truly hope that we are meeting the needs and desires of our members. If not, I hope that I hear from you about how or what we can do differently. I first joined this club a long time ago (about 30 years). I attended maybe 1 or 2 meetings and didn't really participate in any activities. I ended up dropping out after the first year. I was busy with work and raising kids at the time and I really didn't take advantage of much of what the club offered.

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Picture:

Bob McCollum braved the heat at San Luis Reservoir for a great day!

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

Fast forward a number of years (about 15 or 20) and I joined again. This time around, I've enjoyed the club much more. I don't think the club changed, I did. I encourage you to participate in our club. Take advantage of our outings. Inquire about participating on the board. Become an officer. Help make this the club you want. We have had a bit of difficulty in including our new members in email lists and member sections of our website.

I don't want to flippantly ask that all who don't receive emails or announcements please let me know, but that is exactly what I'm asking. I will send out reminders to all members about our upcoming meeting. If you don't get those reminders, please let me know. I will try to have a list passed around at the next meeting so people can let me know if they haven't gotten announcements and give me their email address.

I have updated the list of members so all can access the members only section of our website. Everyone should now have access and should have received instructions on how to get there and how to change their passwords. Again, please let me know if you don't have access to our members only section. If you are new and haven't been adequately welcomed, please know that I/we are very pleased to have you in our club. I/we are trying to rectify some problems.

Roger



**2017 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

September 1st:

***Chris Schultz
Optics***

***Maury Hatch
American and
Sacramento
River***

October:

***To Be
Announced***

November:

***Trent Pridemore
Largemouth
Bass Techniques***

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Dues Notice

Annual dues are \$40 if paid before the February meeting. \$45 after.

Frank Gordet

The club's mailing address is:
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OUTINGS AND EVENTS - September 2017

Hal Wilson

DATES

LOCATION

FISHMEISTER

SEPT 7-11
Seeking Heritage Trout

SO CALIF STREAMS

ROB FARRIS

SEPTEMBER 22-24

N. FORK STANISLAUS-ALPINE LAKE

TOM VARGAS
DERRELL BRIDGMAN

OCTOBER 3-9

BELIZE RIVER LODGE

MARTIN PLOTKIN

OCTOBER 21 – To
Your choice

PYRAMID LAKE

DENNIS RANKIN

NOVEMBER 29-DEC 2

TRINITY RIVER STEELHEAD

GARY PRINCE

DECEMBER 9

DELTA STRIPERS

TOM VARGAS

North Fork of the Stanislaus

OUTING LOCATION: Arnold/Dorrington Area

OUTING DATE: Sept. 22 – 24, 2017

FISH MEISTERS: Tom Vargas/Derrell Bridgman

OUTING SUMMARY: This outing will be headquartered at Derrell and Tom's cabins in the Dorrington area. Dorrington is located on Highway 4 east of Arnold CA and Big Trees State Park (about 20 miles below Bear Valley Ski Area). It is near the 5000-foot elevation level.

There will be several options for fishing destinations near Dorrington. The following is a list of the most noted locations that we have fished in the area.

1. North Fork of Stanislaus River; A beautiful mountain stream with a combination of nice riffles, pocket water and deep runs. It is stocked by DFG and also has some nice wild fish. It is fished heavily near road crossings, however, still offers good action. The stream has a lot of area that is remote, and not readily accessible. I am told that the fishing can be fantastic in these remote areas.
2. Stillwater Fishing at several lakes: Lake Alpine, Spicer Meadows Reservoir (**Not Accessible this year**), & White Pines Reservoir (near Arnold). Also available but a little farther away are Highlands Lakes (for small Brookies), & Heenan Lake (for Lahaton Cutthroat Trout).
3. Small Streams: Beaver Creek, & Rattlesnake Creek are within 10 miles of Dorrington. There are several popular rivers, streams and lakes on Ebbetts Pass and in the Markleeville area (about a 50 mile drive).

The water levels have been higher this year, but it should be noted that historically the water conditions on the streams, especially the smaller streams may not be the best in the fall. The water level of the reservoirs may be low and boat ramps may not be useable as they draw them down in preparation for winter. However, we should be able to launch float tubes etc. and the fishing in the reservoirs can be very good this time of the year.

The plan is to sleep, eat, & socialize (tell about the big one that got away, etc.) at the cabins. Details will be worked out when we find out how many people will be there.

Cheryl Vargas will coordinate an outing in the local area on Saturday for the non-fishing wives. In the past they have toured Murphys, visited local wineries and taken in a play at a local venue. Specifics to be determined later.

Vargas, Bridgman Cabins: includes dinner Friday and Saturday (may need to bring sleeping bags) \$65 person

Tom Vargas: tomvargas@comcast.net 925-586-4099

Belize Outing – October 3-9

Martin Plotkin

Fishing Belize with Belize River Lodge

<http://www.belizeriverlodge.com/>

In 2017 we are hosting 2, 1 week fund raising trips to Belize for 6 anglers each week. The first week 7/3 to 7/10 is sold out. The second week will be scheduled between July and December by those going.

The cost of the trip is \$2300/angler and includes 6 days guided fishing or sightseeing. The second group can choose between spending 3 days fishing from the



Good Size Snook

lodge and 3 days from Long Cay an Island about 15 miles off shore surrounded by flats or 6 days fishing from the lodge. The lodge is about 15 minutes upriver from the bay and fishing. Depending on time of year there are bone fish, permit, tarpon, snook and barracuda.

For more information or to reserve your spot contact Martin Plotkin.



20 # Tarpon

Pyramid Lake Outing – October 21

Dennis Rankin

•We are planning a Fishout at Pyramid Lake, Nevada on Oct. 21st 2017. Pyramid Lake is currently closed to fishing and will reopen Oct. 1st. The Lahontan Cutthroat is a prized trout and the fish in this lake run up to about 20 pounds with fish in the teens not uncommon. Unlike the spring of the year when spawners are caught right after spawning before they have a chance to regain their strength, these fish are aggressive and tough on a fly rod. They are nothing like the dead weight fish of the post spawners. At this time of year they are chasing the bait balls of Cui-ui fish, Sacramento Perch and other minnows. We will be fishing with Pyramid Fly Co. based at Crosby's Lodge at the lake. It should be noted that the lake is at a much higher level than it has been in several years, where we fished last spring is under 6 or more feet of water. You can see video of the bait balls in action by visiting the Pyramid Fly Company web site at <http://www.pyramidflyco.com/pyramid-lake-fishing-about>

•The fishing will be guided on Saturday fishing from a float tube or pontoon boat with the weather permitting. If the conditions make floating unsafe we will fish from the shore in waders. The day will consist of a day of fishing with a deli style lunch and then a dinner at Crosby's Lodge; the dinner will be a barbeque rib dinner which is excellent. The guiding will be approximately one guide to each 5 fishermen. The cost will be \$125 for the day including breakfast, lunch, dinner and flies. Breakfast for Saturday will consist of bagels, cream cheese, fruit, orange juice and coffee. Lunch will be deli style at the lake fishing area.

•For those who wish to fish on Friday before or Sunday afterward guiding arrangements can be made or you can do your own thing. Here is the additional days pricing and what it consists of:

•If it's a group of 6 or more the cost would be \$100 per person for 6-8 hours

•The cost for 4 people 6-8 hours would be \$500.00 for the 4 people.

•Breakfast and lunch included just like their regular trips. Flies are also included.

• There are camping areas available and Crosby's lodge has some accommodations available, they have a few cabins and some nice 5th wheel trailers that will accommodate 4 or 6 easily. (Nice hot showers). We are currently working on the lodging with Crosby's to get a special rate, and of course there are the casinos in Sparks and Reno approximately 35 miles away. To make reservations at the lake you can call Crosby's Lodge at 775-476-0400.

•Additional information:

•A Pyramid Lake fishing permit is required and can be purchased there; a Nevada fishing license is not required.

•Hooks must be barbless. No "bait" is allowed.

•Limit is 2 fish maximum, one or two 17 to 20" or one over 24", all measured fork length.

•The recommendation is for a rod of 6,7,or 8 weight, remember some of these fish get up to 20 pounds.

Pyramid Lake Outing - *Continued*

We will be able to take 20 to 24 people on this trip, we will give Tri-Valley members priority until September 15th then it will be open to members of other clubs and guests. Additional information is available at the Pyramid Lake web site.

The basic fees are listed in the table below.

At the present time we are asking for those who are interested to respond to Dennis Rankin. Please let me know if you are interested in just Saturday or would like to also book Friday or Sunday, I will have the sheets for all the fishing sign-ups. If you have any questions you can call me at 925-784-5666.

Dennis Rankin – dennis.rankin@comcast.net, 925-784-5666

Daily Fishing	\$11.00
3 Day Fishing	\$28.00
Second Rod - Daily	\$11.00
Second Rod - 3 Day	\$28.00
Annual Fishing	\$88.00
Overnight Camping**	\$15.00
3 Day Overnight Camping**	\$38.00

10 % Discounts for Seniors (65 and older) , Military (active, veterans, reserves), and non-PLPT Tribal members. Proper IDs required for discount.

Chris Schultz

September Speaker: September speaker will be Chris Schultz who will be speaking on eye safety and optics enhanced vision technology. Chris has worked in optics since 1988. He is currently working with Costa Sunglasses as Nor. Cal District manager. Chris will also give a short presentation on Costa's philanthropic project called "KickPlastics"...

Captain Maury Hatch

In addition fishing guide Murray Hatch will bring us up to date on fishing conditions on the Sacramento and American rivers and discuss fishing opportunities there.

Fly Tiers Library and Trading Post (LTP)

Most fly tiers, like me, have materials which would probably last several life-times. Often, to tie a new fly, we need a small amount of material which means buying some from the net, which may arrive next week, or jumping in the car for an hour+ drive to a fly shop in the area.



To remedy this, we are creating the LTP. The LTP has 2 resources: the Library for getting small amounts of material (a couple of feathers, small swatch of hair, etc.) and the Trading Post for exchanging your excess with others. Here are the details of how it will work. Both the library and Trading Post are only available to members.

Library: The library will be supported by donations of fly tying material from members. The material will be packaged in gallon sized zip locks with colored labels about the contents. Any member may take a small amount of material for a project and make a modest donation (\$1 min). The donations will be used to buy supplies and, if any is left over, other material for the library.

Trading Post: The trading post allows members to exchange excess tying material for other material. Any member may submit a gallon sized zip-lock bag with the material along with a very brief description to Jim Broadbent. Jim will assess a point value to the material based on his experience (Jim's decision is final). The material will be labeled with a different colored label than the library. Members may exchange their points for material in the trading post.

Martin Plotkin will arrange for the LTP to show up at all general, board and fly tying meetings. It can also be accessed by special arrangement made with Martin.

LTP kicks-off, at the meeting, on Thursdays so bring your Trades and Donations.

Member Reports-Excerpts from Facebook

San Luis Reservoir-August 27th Bob McCollum

Nice day on the water fishing for stripers (striped bass). The wind and the fish cooperated. Landed about 35-40 fish. Best was a 5-pounder I caught on my first cast of the day. Could have caught more, but it was 100 degrees by noon - too hot for me.



TVFF crew tackles Phase 1 of the Cal Heritage Trout Challenge. Rob, Martin, Gary, Kent & Mitchie with a successful hunt last weekend for McCloud, Goose Lake, and Warner Mtn. Redbands. To lands that time has passed by...what a great adventure. Phase 2 in September...



Check out the Tri Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page for more reports and fish porn!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyFF/>

2017 BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge

Wente Scout Reservation



We have just completed coaching the Fly Fishing Merit Badge at the 2017 Wente Boy Scout Reservation Summer Camp. Our program with the BSA is the only program in the US that is using a group of experienced Fly Fishermen to teach the Merit Badge over a complete Summer Camp Season.

This is the fourth year for the program and each year we've seen more interest and growth in the number of young people, this year we also had several young ladies, and leaders participating. Over the 8 week summer camp 121 scouts and 35 adult leaders took part in the program. This was a 25% increase over the 2016 program that had 96 scouts and 29 adults participate.

The camp Director tells me there has been nothing but positive reviews from the scouts and adults that have participated. One interesting bit of trivia...4% of ALL the Fly Fishing Merit Badges earned in 2015 in the US came from our program!

This year we had 18 fly fishermen who volunteered their time, from a couple of days to several weeks, to coach the class at Wente and from what I've heard everyone enjoyed their time at camp. We had one volunteer, "Mr. Bill" Wellever, spend 6 weeks at the camp!

Members of TVFF who volunteered their time to coach the merit Badge are; **Jim Broadbent, Steve Johnson, Don Jower, Marty Loomis, Corry Bennett, Dave Fontaine and me.** Ask one of them if they found it to be a rewarding experience!

Think about spending some time next year sharing your knowledge of fly fishing with the younger generation. If you don't have the time to do that there are a couple of other ways you can help with the program such as:

- **Flies Needed** – This summer we used 240+ flies and we will need to replenish the supply for 2018. I am looking for volunteers to tie small dry flies, #16 and smaller, such as ants, beetles, adams, humpies, your favorite fly...If you would like to help with this I can give you some #16 hooks. They come in packages of 25 hooks let me know how many you'd like.
- I have heard from several people that some of the smaller scouts are having a problem handling the 9' 6 wt. rods. I will be talking to the BSA about supplementing our instruction rods with some 7 1/2 or 8 ft. rods. Does anyone have one you would like to donate?

We will need additional volunteers for 2018 - One way you can help between now and next year is to continue discussing what we do for the Fly Fishing Merit badge with your friends to let them know about the opportunity. Feel free to share the information with anyone you feel might be interested. Over 60% of the coaches come from outside TVFF! We've had men and women volunteers from as far away as Arizona. If someone expresses an interest they can contact me directly or send me their name and email address and I will add them to the distribution list for next year.

Incidentally, the bass fishing on the lake was pretty good when I was there!

Daniel Kitts

510-816-2846
dckitts@aol.com

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Get Together

Tuesday, September 5th, 7 to 9 pm

Rod and Gun Club ; small room next to the BBQ area

I hope everyone has had a great summer to fish, vacation and be with family and friends, but summer is gone. Luckily we have September and October which are great months to fish in California. TVFF has a "Get Together" generally the first Monday of the month (this month we will meet on Tuesday) from Sept through May .

We tie flies or discuss skills and techniques to improve our fly fishing knowledge and enjoyment. Drop by and see what its all about. Offer a topic for one of our meetings such as what hooks do I really need to buy, how do I build my own leaders, suggestions on what kind or brand of water craft should I buy, etc, etc.

We have a group of members heading for Belize the first of October so it was requested we tie some patterns for bonefish, permit and tarpon.

Avalon

This fly can be representative of a crab or shrimp. We can modify this pattern to make a great crayfish.

Hook 2 or 4 Tiemco811s Dahachi2546
Tread 6/0 tan
Dumbell eyes 3mm medium silver or gold
Keel 20# hard mono brass beads 2.8 to 3.8mm
Kristal flash, black or peacock
Legs orange grizzly rubber
Pearl diamond braid
Body tan marabou
Claws tan rabbit strips (Zonker)
Head orange thread.
Colors Light bottom use Lt. tan, gray Dark bottom use brown, green



Tarpon Toad

Hook short shank 2/0 to 1 octopus style Owner 5180
Thread 6/0 or 3/0
crystal flash
Tail Zonker rabbit barred or natural dyed
Tail collar Marabou
Head Baitfish type fibers like Antron yarn, Puglisi fibers
Colors Black/purple Black/red, Chartreuse/off white, Yellow/tan
Use your imagination



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email sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net

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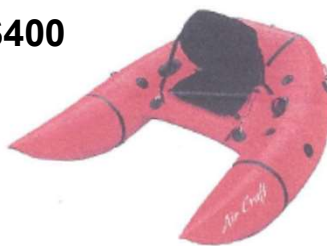
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Dave or I attend the meetings pretty regularly; we could have the members bring it to the meetings?

Thanks for the consideration.

-Cathy Hiromoto



We meet at the Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club (directions below) on the first Thursday of every month except July and August at 7:00 PM.

Directions to
Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club: 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore, California.

Exit Highway 580 on North Livermore Avenue

Proceed North on North Livermore Avenue to May School Road (~2.5 miles).

Turn right onto May School Road and proceed to stop sign at intersection with Dagnino Road (~1 mile).

Entrance to Rod and Gun Club is directly across intersection

